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Notes Taken at National 4-H Club Camp - 1950  
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In every State but two there has been an increase in 4-H Club enrollment. There has been an increase in personnel and an increase in 4-H Club studies. Some significant trends in the 4-H Club program:

1. Youth participation.  
More responsibility for members.  
Member participation in planning and judging.
2. More planning from the grass roots up.  
More local background information.  
More local and State sponsorship.
3. More parent participation--Extension is a family affair.
4. Emphasis on both pre-service and in-service training of 4-H Club agents.  
Awareness in college courses of need for help on training youth as well as need for technical information.  
  
Working toward better leader training.  
Better training in subject matter. Definite help on how to teach members.  
  
More recognition to first-year members and first-year leaders.  
  
More help for senior members.
5. Increased interest in 4-H Club work shown by directors, by specialists, and by the public. Former 4-H Club members are now agents and specialists. That helps. 4-H objectives must be kept clear to all of us and to the public.

How can State and county extension agents develop more effective 4-H programs?

Leaders:

Should know more about young people (to date leader training has included mostly subject matter).

Need better methods.

Need better tools, such as visual aids and written materials.

Home demonstration agents can:

Promote local sponsorship.

Help older people see need for 4-H guidance but not control.



County extension agents need help:

From State office on psychology of youth.

Young people:

May not be much interested in agricultural activities.

Home economics is common denominator of town and country.

Do we need to broaden concept of program so as to reach boys and girls not interested in agriculture?

How far can we change?

We need a program to inform city youth about problems of agriculture and develop a better understanding between the agricultural industry and the consumer.

We need to guide 4-H into adult program--may mean changing the 4-H program.

Is there a need to set up social activity as a project?

County problems:

Need some help in job analysis to show where to delegate responsibility.

Rapid turn-over of 4-H agents; assistant agents become county agents.

Prestige and salary involved, but short-term club agents result.

A county problem in balancing youth and adult program.